

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0020] on page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0020] The plenum 10 has a lower plenum surface 11 which is of a layered sandwich construction as will be detailed hereinafter. A series of laterally spaced conveyor belts 12 are each mounted to operate over the plenum surface 11 between a head pulley 13 and a tail pulley 14, with the return runs of the belts operating around an upper drive roll 15. The belts have flat outer conveying surfaces 16 and toothed inner surfaces in the manner of timing belts. The drive roll 15 is hobbled or otherwise machined with a tooth profile to provide positive driving engagement with the toothed belts 12. A drive motor 29, operatively connected to the drive roll 15, is mounted inside the plenum 10. The plenum 10 is mounted between a pair of laterally opposed end plates 17, one of which is provided with a large opening 18 which is connected with appropriate ducting (not shown) to a blower (~~also not shown~~) 54 having a capacity sufficient to at least generate a negative vacuum pressure in the plenum of about three inches of water (about 0.75 kPa) with a maximum width sheet fully engaged. The plenum includes a long central supply chamber 20 connected along each of its lower edges to shallow distribution chambers 21 extending in upstream and downstream directions and defining with the lower plenum surface 11 a plenum chamber 19.